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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING ON NAMIBIA

1. DON MCHENRY AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE HAD A FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING UNDER CONSTANT DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE WESTERN MINISTERS COULD MEET ON FEBRUARY 10 AND 11 IN NEW YORK.

2. MR. VANCE'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WITH ONE EXCEPTION. HE AND MRS. VANCE HAVE SCHEDULED A DINNER WITH FRIENDS ON FEBRUARY 10 AND AN EVENING AT THE THEATER.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CONFIRM THE DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SOUTH AFRICAN CABINET IS MEETING ON JANUARY 24 AND NAMIBIA WILL BE ON THE AGENDA. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE TRYING TO HEAD OFF A SOUTH AFRICAN COMMITMENT TO AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA AND HOPE THAT THE OFFER OF A MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL WILL
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BE A DETERRENT.

4. WOULD YOU CHECK WITH MR. VANCE AND LET US KNOW IF FEBRUARY 10 TO 11 IS POSSIBLE. NO OTHER DATES IN FEBRUARY SEEM TO WORK WITH HIS MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES.
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